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2010 Census Bringing Jobs to Local Communities

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Hundreds of Thousands will be Hired to Support U.S. Census Bureau's Goal of a Complete Count

The U.S. Census Bureau is gearing up for the 2010 Census—and it needs help to ensure everyone is counted.

Hundreds of thousands of temporary workers are needed to fill a variety of census positions across the country. Area residents can apply to earn good weekly pay, enjoy flexible hours and be part of a historic opportunity to serve their communities.

The 2010 Census: Employees Making a Difference

Every 10 years, the Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to count each person residing in the United States—both citizens and non-citizens. This includes all 50 states, Washington, D.C., American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The census takes a snapshot of the U.S. population, determining how many people reside within the nation's borders, who they are and where they live. Data about how communities are changing are crucial to many planning decisions—such as neighborhood improvements, emergency preparedness and disaster recovery, public health, education, transportation, senior services and much more.

Population data collected through the census are used to allocate billions of dollars in annual federal funding for states and communities. The census also determines how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Census Bureau employees can help ensure their communities are accurately counted and don't miss out on their fair share of funding and political representation.

Temporary Census Jobs Offer Good Pay, Flexible Hours

Short-term 2010 Census jobs are ideal for retirees, college students, recent high school graduates, stay-at-home parents, those seeking a second job to earn extra cash and others seeking part-time work. Census jobs also offer flexible schedules and paid training, along with reimbursement for authorized mileage and expenses.

Conducting the census is a huge undertaking, which requires the Census Bureau to hire for a wide variety of positions. Census takers are needed to update address lists to ensure that all residents receive the 2010 Census questionnaire and to conduct in-person interviews with community residents who do not return a questionnaire by mail. In addition, the Census Bureau needs Crew Leaders to train and supervise employees, Recruiting Assistants to serve as local representatives who notify their communities about census jobs in their local areas, and Clerks to staff Local Census Offices.

Qualifying for a 2010 Census Job

2010 Census job applicants must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security Number, and be able to pass a background check and take an employment test that measures knowledge, skills and abilities required to perform a variety of census jobs.

Those interested in applying for temporary jobs may do so by contacting their Local Census Office, which began opening nationwide in late 2008 and will begin hiring in early 2009. The majority of Local Census Offices will not open until late 2009, with the peak hiring period expected to be in early 2010.

For more information on temporary employment with the Census Bureau, or to schedule an appointment to take an employment test and submit an application, call the toll-free 2010 Census Jobs Line: 1-866-861-2010. TTY Callers: Please use the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

More information is also available at www.2010censusjobs.gov.

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